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ISLAMABAD KATHMANDU FROM NEW DELHI 15 MAR 73 REPEATED TO YOU
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SUBJECT: REMARKS ON INDO- US RELATIONS AFTER FIRST CALL ON
PRIME MINISTER

I MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS AFTER MY MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER GANDHI THIS AFTERNOON. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE
ARE EXTEMPORANEOUS
REMARKS AND THE SENTENCES MAY NOT
PARSE.# AFTER I LEFT
THE BUILDING A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN
DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS " PLEASANT AND FRANK."

" GENTLEMEN:

AS YOU KNOW I HAVE JUST PAID MY FIRST OFFICIAL
CALL ON PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. I PRESENTED TO HER
A LETTER FROM PRES. NIXON WHICH I CARRIED. THE
MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL. I COULD NOT BE MORE
PLEASED AND PROPERLY GRATEFUL TO THE PRIME MINISTER
FOR HER CORDIALITY AND FOR THE FRANKNESS AND CLARITY WITH
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WHICH SHE STATED THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. I SPOKE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON' S VIEWS AND THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHAT WE HAVE COME TO TERM THE NEW SITUATION WHICH HAS EVOLVED IN SOUTH ASIA SINCE 1971 -- A SITUATION CLEAR TO ANY PERSON WHO WOULD OBSERVE IT AND WHICH WE FIND TO BE ONE WE VERY MUCH CAN LIVE IN ACCORD WITH. WE HOPE NOW TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP OF REALISTIC AND PRAGMATIC INVOLVEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND THE CLEAR FACT THAT WE ARE NATURAL FRIENDS AND HAVE NO CONFLICTING INTERESTS. IF FROM TIME TO TIME WE HAVE DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES THAT IS TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE BECAUSE TWO PEOPLE CAN OFTEN SEE A SUBJECT BETTER THAN ONE.

I THINK I HAD PERSONALLY THE MOST CORDIAL BEGINNING OF MY EMBASSY HERE IN NEW DELHI AND I WOULD LIKE SIMPLY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HER TIME, TO MR. AHMAD FOR HIS UNFAILING AFFABILITY AND TO MR. DHAR WHO WILL NOW GUIDE ME ON THE SET OF SPECIFIC MATTERS WHICH WE SPOKE ABOUT AND WHICH WILL COME IN TIME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH."
MOYNIHAN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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